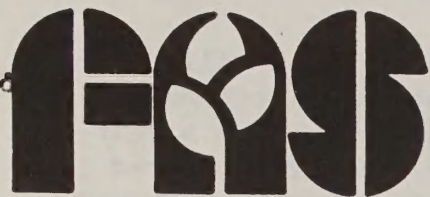


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WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF WORLD PRODUCTION AND TRADE

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WASHINGTON, April 6--The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following recent developments in U.S. agricultural trade:

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

U.S. agricultural exports during February 1983 totaled \$3.0 billion, down 14 percent from the same month a year earlier and 3 percent less than the January 1983 level. Total agricultural export volume in February of 13.5 million tons was unchanged from the year-earlier level. Lower prices for corn and wheat (compared to February 1982) accounted for some of the decline as export volume for these commodities was above that of the same month a year earlier. For nearly all other commodities, export volume and value were substantially below February a year ago. Export unit values for corn and wheat continued to gain strength in February as they had since the beginning of the current fiscal year.

Total agricultural exports during the first five months (October-February) of fiscal 1983 were valued at \$15.0 billion, down 17 percent from the same period a year earlier. Total agricultural export volume during the first five months of fiscal 1983 totaled 65 million tons, down 7 percent from the year-earlier period. Smaller wheat shipments earlier in the fiscal year accounted for most of the decline.

U.S. exports of wheat in February rose 6 percent in volume from February 1982 to 4.0 million tons, reflecting a large increase in shipments to India. Wheat shipments to China and the USSR were each down about 225,000 tons compared with February 1982. The wheat export unit value in February of \$163.50 per ton was 7 percent lower than a year earlier. The total value of wheat exports for February was down 2 percent. The wheat export volume for October-February of 15.5 million tons was down 17 percent, while value dropped 23 percent to \$2.5 billion.

U.S. corn exports in February increased 10 percent in volume over a year earlier to 4.1 million tons, as larger shipments to Mexico, China, Japan and Korea offset a decline to the Soviet Union, the Netherlands and Spain. The corn export unit value of \$114 per ton was 6 percent lower than a year earlier. The total value of corn exports rose 4 percent over the previous February. Corn export prices had strengthened significantly since October 1982, rising 14 percent. The corn export volume for the first five months of fiscal 1983 was up 1 percent from the year-earlier period to 21.5 million tons, but the value was off 13 percent to \$2.3 billion.

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Soybean shipments in February declined 2 percent to 2.4 million tons, with large shipments to Japan, Mexico and other countries. Soybean export prices in February--at \$236.50 per ton--were 8 percent lower than a year earlier. Total soybean export value dropped 10 percent in February compared with a year earlier. Soybean export volume for October-February was unchanged from the year-earlier level of 12.3 million tons, but value was down 12 percent to \$2.8 billion.

Export volumes and values were above February a year ago for beef, wheat flour, feeds and fodders and soybean oil, but were down for cotton, rice, grain sorghum, soybean meal, poultry, dairy, horticultural products and sugar and tropical products.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS

The value of U.S. agricultural imports in February 1983 increased 19 percent over February 1982 and totaled \$1.3 billion. This increase brought imports for the first five months of fiscal 1983 to \$6.8 billion, 6 percent above a year earlier.

Imports were substantially larger for most commodity groups in February 1983, except horticultural products and seeds, which recorded value declines of 2 and 12 percent, respectively. Livestock imports of \$249 million and sugar and tropical product imports of \$513 million were up 36 and 22 percent, respectively, from February 1982.

For the October 1982-February 1983 period, increases in imports from a year earlier were posted for horticultural products, up 10 percent to \$1.8 billion, livestock, up 20 percent to \$1.3 billion and dairy products, \$296 million up 20 percent. Sugar and tropical product imports declined 3 percent during this period.

AGRICULTURAL TRADE BALANCE

The U.S. agricultural trade surplus in February was \$1.7 billion, up 8 percent from last month but down 28 percent from the \$2.4 billion of February 1983. For the first five months of the current fiscal year, the agricultural trade balance totaled \$8.2 billion, down 30 percent from the same period a year earlier.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1981 - FEBRUARY 1983

		CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (FEBRUARY)						
COMMODITIES	UNIT	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE			
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%			
		10/81-02/82	10/82-02/83	DIF	10/81-02/82	10/82-02/83	DIF	10/81-02/82	10/82-02/83	DIF		
GRAINS AND FEEDS												
WHEAT & WHEAT FLOUR	MT	886,547	16277,273	-14	3,285,511	2,586,153	-21	3935,451	4188,530	+6	694,130	692,685
WHEAT	MT	18646,057	15549,544	-17	3,238,861	2,504,515	-23	3775,300	3989,617	+6	666,423	652,371
WHEAT FLOUR	MT	240,490	727,729	+203	46,650	81,638	+75	160,151	198,913	+24	27,707	40,314
RICE	MT	1240,937	693,477	-44	536,421	281,285	-48	246,807	147,660	-40	103,608	55,798
COARSE GRAINS	MT	25260,834	24557,664	-4	3,163,261	2,634,633	-17	4391,351	4573,069	+4	534,374	525,361
CORN	MT	21301,840	21453,477	+1	2,622,515	2,285,423	-13	3726,395	4091,398	+10	451,363	467,540
GRAIN SORGHUM	MT	3203,386	2779,272	-13	388,896	313,197	-19	487,047	450,482	-8	59,345	54,252
BARLEY	MT	1070,147	318,621	-70	144,491	35,195	-76	176,112	30,717	-83	23,460	3,504
OATS	MT	8,287	4,828	-42	1,083	747	-31	1,774	472	-73	204	55
RYE	MT	37,174	733	-98	6,276	71	-99	23	2	-100	74,516	97,157
FEEDS & FODDERS 1/	MT	2362,868	2689,113	+14	403,436	447,367	+11	431,383	603,270	+40	74,516	12,881
PULSES	MT	549,278	245,153	-55	356,558	103,236	-71	78,984	33,755	-57	47,277	8,457
BEANS, DRIED	MT	479,377	164,717	-66	327,962	74,089	-77	60,440	20,835	-66	39,079	3,458
PEAS, DRIED	MT	40,901	56,405	+38	14,127	18,665	+32	7,752	10,750	+39	2,904	956
LENTILS, ETC., DRI	MT	29,000	24,031	-17	14,469	10,482	-28	10,792	2,170	-80	5,294	18,517
OTHER	XXX				141,428	126,322	-11				25,022	
TOTAL	XXX				7,886,616	6,178,996	-22				1478,927	1402,410
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS												
TOTAL OILSEEDS	MT	13280,807	13137,991	-1	3,549,802	3,066,908	-14	2487,442	2403,916	-3	657,672	579,558
SOYBEANS	MT	12294,987	12288,521	--	3,174,774	2,800,221	-12	2432,828	2372,370	-2	624,781	560,573
SUNFLOWER SEED	MT	856,650	704,471	-18	243,088	163,852	-33	32,461	11,830	-64	11,969	3,532
PEANUTS	MT	105,632	114,148	+8	122,812	92,623	-25	17,351	17,021	-2	19,076	13,934
OTHER OILSEEDS	MT	23,538	30,851	+31	9,128	10,212	+12	4,802	2,695	-44	1,846	1,439
SOYBEAN MEAL	MT	3161,345	3366,643	+6	739,837	731,313	-1	842,622	750,022	-11	199,134	163,751
OTHER MEAL	MT	203,616	88,770	-56	32,325	15,001	-54	32,647	8,998	-72	5,434	1,411
TOTAL VEG. OILS	MT	650,197	559,453	-14	372,363	320,647	-14	190,275	164,074	-14	105,948	78,037
SOYBEAN OIL	MT	335,068	384,558	+15	173,549	179,506	+3	80,158	102,459	+28	39,022	42,939
SUNFLOWER OIL	MT	83,739	53,594	-36	47,734	26,612	-44	32,583	24,309	-25	18,196	10,920
COTTONSEED OIL	MT	157,588	121,301	-23	91,414	60,698	-34	66,316	26,652	-60	38,634	13,550
OTHER VEG. OILS	MT	73,802	61,492	-17	59,666	53,831	-10	11,218	18,654	-5	10,096	10,538
OTHER	XXX				56,113	52,515	-6				11,534	10,350
TOTAL	XXX				4,750,442	4,186,384	-12				979,722	833,118
SEEDS												
MT		108,316	97,820	-10	162,649	162,694	---	32,469	22,187	-32	42,249	34,729
COTTON & LINTERS												
RAW COTTON 2/	STB	3018,834	1950,449	-35	1,002,688	611,617	-39	792,245	385,752	-51	250,759	120,458
LINTERS 2/	STB	104,999	175,453	+67	6,688	10,851	+62	24,797	27,438	+11	1,931	2,016
SILK	STB	649	213	-67	129	35	-73	87	-100		30	-100
TOTAL	STB	3124,483	2126,114	-32	1,009,505	622,503	-38	817,129	413,190	-49	252,720	122,493

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TOBACCO UNMFG.													
BURLEY.....	MT	9,589	66,846	-1	9,532	68,749	+3	4,820	1,472	-69	34,139	10,025	-71
FLUE-CURED.....	MT	92,982	618,076	-3	90,602	641,854	+4	10,412	13,234	+27	61,685	84,451	+37
FIRE-SUN CURED.....	MT	2,512	10,539	+82	4,560	18,638	+77	455	827	+82	1,830	3,441	+88
MARYLAND.....	MT	1,164	7,757	+30	1,508	10,152	+31	57	158	+178	291	936	+222
CIGAR.....	MT	266	4,588	+7	284	5,267	+15	25	39	+57	164	472	+188
OTHER LEAF.....	MT	2,305	23,083	-26	1,704	20,429	-11	224	322	+44	2,433	4,034	+66
STEMS.....	MT	18,491	16,549	+9	20,155	14,986	-9	2,056	1,604	-22	3,766	1,951	-48
TOTAL.....	MT	127,308	747,439	+1	128,346	780,076	+4	18,048	17,655	-2	104,308	105,310	+1
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POULTRY PRODUCTS													
MEAT.....	MT	128,927	143,126	-32	87,201	90,396	-37	24,619	13,388	-46	26,372	14,243	-46
BROILER.....	MT	14,929	22,314	-38	9,262	14,079	-37	2,893	1,563	-46	3,863	1,952	-49
TURKEY.....	MT	6,788	8,238	-51	3,317	4,160	-49	787	670	-15	959	922	-4
OTHER POULTRY MEAT.....	DOZ	46,261	42,297	-10	41,635	31,020	-27	5,424	2,133	-61	5,361	2,558	-52
EGGS.....	MT	15,013	25,463	-67	4,980	8,848	-65	2,186	690	-68	3,714	1,256	-66
EGG PRODUCTS.....	XXX		50,878			48,185	-5				9,105	9,231	+2
OTHER.....	XXX												
TOTAL.....	XXX		292,317			196,688	-33				49,374	30,243	-39
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DAIRY PRODUCTS													
NON-FAT DRY MILK.....	MT	30,912	17,095	+122	68,619	47,351	+177	5,210	11,113	+113	2,371	7,204	+204
CHEESE.....	MT	2,306	8,383	+411	11,785	18,277	+118	462	1,867	+304	1,693	2,955	+75
BUTTER.....	MT	48,205	82,494	-58	20,052	32,971	-60	5,932	1,241	-79	10,505	1,525	-85
OTHER.....	XXX		52,358			32,677	-38				12,045	4,557	-62
TOTAL.....	XXX		160,330			131,275	-18				26,614	16,352	-39
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LIVESTOCK & PRODS.													
MEAT.....	MT	162,697	350,406	-6	153,211	344,609	-2	32,778	27,647	-16	69,329	67,958	-2
BEEF.....	MT	32,330	131,229	+20	38,685	172,739	+32	6,465	7,138	+10	27,498	33,459	+22
PORK.....	MT	39,908	90,554	-47	21,138	60,023	-34	4,982	4,997	--	11,785	14,454	+23
VARIETY.....	MT	90,459	128,623	+3	93,388	111,847	-13	21,331	15,512	-27	30,046	20,025	-33
TALLOW.....	MT	630,888	290,335	-4	608,651	241,087	-17	127,549	140,046	+10	58,046	53,457	-8
LARD.....	MT	24,751	14,123	-16	20,687	10,498	-26	4,247	3,693	-13	2,389	1,759	-26
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO	37,492	32,978	-48	19,441	15,063	-54	7,125	4,267	-40	5,647	2,933	-47
CATTLE HIDES.....	XXX		277,121			302,015	+9				53,770	55,141	+3
FURSKINS.....	NO	8304,177	160,236	-1	8190,533	123,484	-23	2460,738	2363,901	-4	47,037	37,299	-21
OTHER.....	XXX		256,433			239,654	-7				40,787	29,055	-29
TOTAL.....	XXX		1,381,633			1,276,409	-8				277,006	247,553	-11

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HORTICULTURAL PROD.													
TREC NUTS.....	MT :	98,917		-19	210,658		-13	11,357		-41	27,542		-31
FRUIT.....	:				561,434		-4				102,011		-16
FRESH, CITRUS.....	MT :	329,755		-4	151,456		-2	79,775		+6	35,899		+1
FRESH, NON-CITRUS..	MT :	285,923		-3	187,178		--	30,285		-18	19,565		-13
CANNED.....	MT :	48,965		-5	46,541		-6	7,152		+13	6,905		-4
DRIED.....	MT :	50,197		-10	85,000		-9	10,919		-32	16,898		-37
JUICES.....	GAL:	59,825		-9	92,398		-11	14,257		-28	22,744		-35
VEGETABLES,FRESH....	MT :	362,503		-33	152,173		-36	48,566		-11	21,821		-9
VEG., PREP., PRES....	MT :	157,620		-16	145,582		-12	25,965		-16	25,153		-20
OTHER.....	XXX:				201,017		-10				42,106		-26
TOTAL.....	XXX:				1,270,865		-11				218,633		-19
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.													
SUGAR & SWEETENERS..	XXX:				112,400		-69				10,284		-48
COFFEE.....	MT :	7,818		-29	56,432		-20	986		+6	8,174		+8
FLAVORING SYRUPS....	XXX:				87,659		-15				30,123		-57
OTHER.....	XXX:				133,261		+1				21,571		-9
TOTAL.....	XXX:				389,752		-26				70,152		-33
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX:				18,051,548		-17				3499,704		-14

NOTE: VALUE UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. GALLON UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS. DOZEN UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS.
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1/ INCLUDES BY-PRODUCTS.
2/ STATISTICAL BALE = 480 LBS.

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS DATA (UNADJUSTED).

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TRADE AND MARKETING BRANCH, IAS, FAS, USDA

	CUMULATIVE TO DATE	:	:	: CURRENT MONTH (FEBRUARY)
COMMODITIES	QUANTITY	:	VALUE	QUANTITY : VALUE :
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GRAINS AND FEEDS				
WHEAT & PRODUCTS..... MT :	70,664	180,864 +156	111,928 +25	11,701 33,053 +182 13,641 16,502 +21
BARLEY & MALT..... MT :	89,695	62,854 -30	11,088 -40	21,545 14,409 -33 4,260 2,511 -41
OTH COARSE GRAINS I/: MT :	16,940	66,745 +294	10,149 +152	2,335 11,026 +372 533 1,621 +204
PULSES..... MT :	11,360	11,589 +2	6,780 -19	1,759 2,212 +26 1,287 1,187 -8
OTHER..... XXX:			81,505 +14	11,609 14,030 +21
TOTAL..... XXX:			191,448 221,449 +16	31,330 35,850 +14
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS				
OILSEEDS..... MT :	78,742	68,437 -13	28,013 -13	6,395 8,144 +27 3,812 5,693 +49
COCONUT OIL..... MT :	163,908	153,969 -6	61,342 -27	13,607 26,686 +96 6,755 10,320 +53
PALM OIL..... MT :	47,443	73,609 +55	27,733 +21	2,546 16,111 +533 1,281 5,603 +337
OTHER VEG. CILS..... MT :	68,162	77,548 +14	59,016 -1	8,986 17,043 +90 8,217 11,136 +36
OTHER..... MT :	34,192	46,332 +36	16,004 -5	5,379 9,169 +70 2,694 2,612 -3
TOTAL..... MT :	392,446	410,336 +7	192,107 -11	36,913 77,153 +109 22,759 35,365 +55
SPEDES..... MT :	22,620	24,486 +8	33,521 -6	6,198 6,891 +11 9,486 8,306 -12
COTTON,LINTERS,SILK.... MT :	4,747	4,243 -11	6,675 +11	334 1,331 +298 585 1,377 +135
TOBACCO UNMFG.				
CIGARETTE LEAF..... MT :	34,804	35,427 +2	115,027 +7	4,883 6,850 +40 15,167 23,946 +58
CIGAR LEAF..... MT :	964	782 -19	5,793 +3	162 172 +6 1,076 1,455 +35
SCRAP & STEMS..... MT :	28,471	37,280 +31	89,897 +50	3,890 5,375 +38 6,879 14,734 +114
TOTAL..... MT :	64,239	73,488 +14	210,718 +22	8,934 12,397 +39 23,122 40,135 +74
POULTRY PRODUCTS				
FEATHERS & DOWN..... MT :	1,396	2,516 +26	26,693 +9	217 492 +126 2,265 5,113 +126
POULTRY MEAT..... MT :	390	623 +60	2,528 +29	19 66 +253 102 287 +182
EGGS & PRODUCTS..... XXX:			2,341 +55	413 1,326 +221
OTHER..... XXX:			1,454 +81	223 193 -13
TOTAL..... XXX:			33,016 +15	3,004 6,920 +130

U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
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COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (FEBRUARY)			
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%		QUANTITY	VALUE	%	
		10/81-02/82:10/82-02/83:DIF	10/81-02/82:10/82-02/83:DIF	%		1982	1983	:DIF	%
DAIRY PRODUCTS									
CHEESE, QUOTA.....	MT	53,396	147,544	+2	151,999	+3	4,513	6,681	+48
CHEESE, NON-QUOTA.....	MT	7,203	28,115	+37	39,094	+39	838	1,252	+49
CASEIN.....	MT	25,405	74,536	+34	96,169	+29	2,742	5,055	+84
OTHER.....	XXX		6,182		8,334	+35		1,366	
TOTAL.....	XXX		256,377		295,595	+15		26,417	
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.									
WOOL.....	MT	13,869	63,988	-30	39,218	-39	2,865	2,351	-18
MEAT.....	MT	289,463	676,779	+28	836,630	+24	48,248	80,150	+66
BEEF AND VEAL.....	MT	206,025	453,340	+25	525,396	+16	33,203	58,371	+76
PORK.....	MT	74,301	195,657	+38	287,536	+47	13,658	19,166	+40
OTHER (EDIBLE).....	MT	9,137	27,782	+3	23,698	-15	1,387	2,613	+88
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO	217,224	73,704	+101	135,519	+84	40,996	47,390	+16
OTHER LIVESTOCK.....	NO	38,097	69,527	+154	109,722	+58	31,654	37,187	+17
HIDES & SKINS.....	XXX		37,182		20,852	-44		6,153	
FURSKINS.....	XXX		65,226		54,703	-16		24,105	
OTHER.....	XXX		60,041		55,743	-7		10,017	
TOTAL.....	XXX		1,046,447		1,252,388	+20		183,100	
HORTICULTURAL PROD.									
FRUIT.....	MT	1094,013	519,481	+13	664,162	+28	195,436	258,257	+32
FRESH.....	MT	127,599	261,622	+19	296,483	+13	26,454	27,602	+4
PREP. & PRES.....	MT	644,344	118,610	+59	143,658	+21	140,184	143,163	+2
JUICES.....	LIT	466,988	139,249	-4	224,021	+61	175,713	106,575	-39
VEGETABLES, FR/FZ.....	MT	171,617	232,486	-1	171,746	-26	32,549	34,207	+5
VEG., PREP., PRES.....	MT	199,038	149,469	+10	147,766	-1	25,869	31,358	+21
TREE NUTS.....	XXX		84,813		99,468	+17	49,915	47,960	-4
WINE.....	LIT	249,945	342,864	+10	368,483	+7			
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV.....	LIT		161,456	+10	185,637	+15			
NURSERY PRODUCTS.....	XXX		68,746		91,245	+33			
OTHER.....	XXX		118,586		118,754	--			
TOTAL.....	XXX		1,677,900		1,847,262	+10		350,901	

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SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.					
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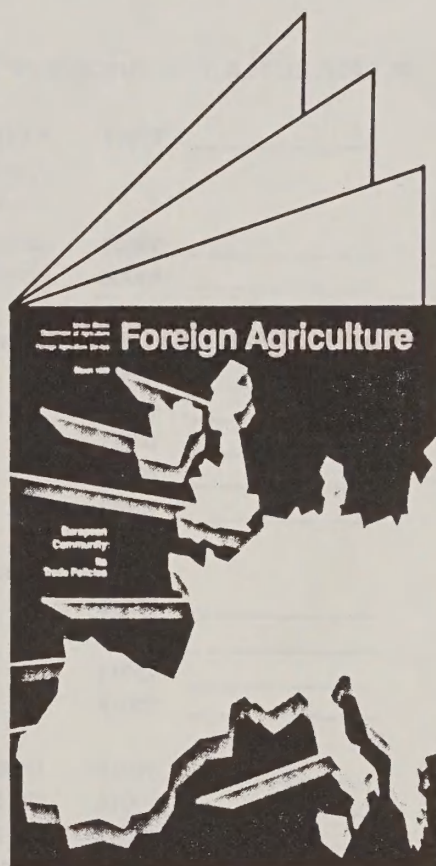
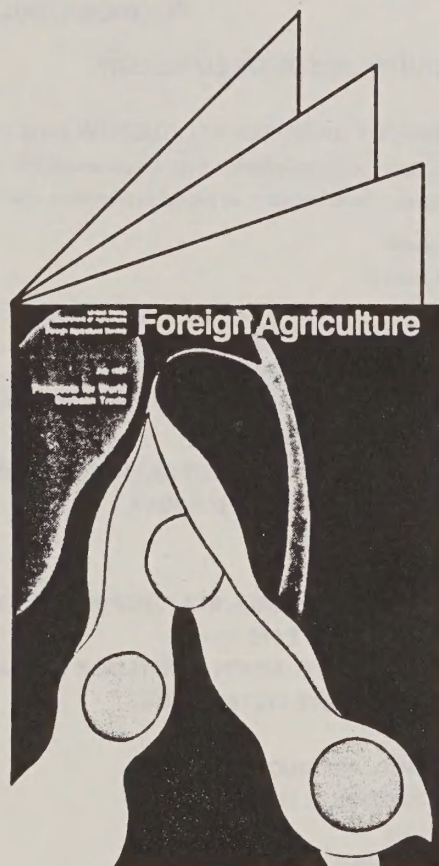
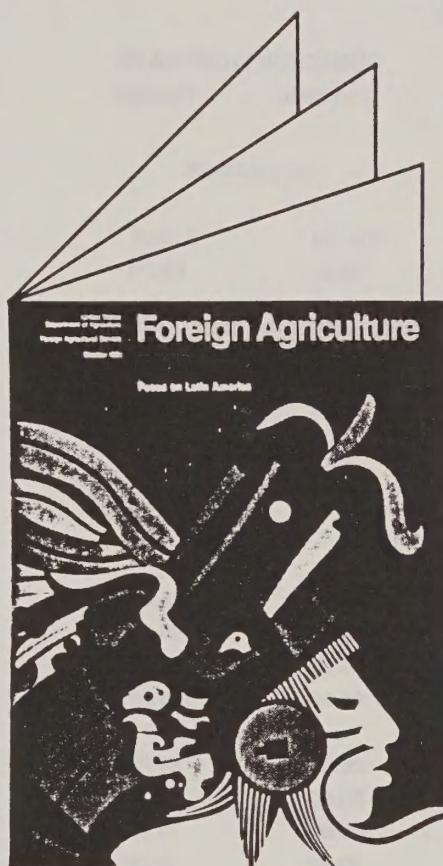
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